



Report for: INFORMATION
Item Number: 5

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Title	PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: 6-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
Responsible Officer(s)	Anthony Hurst, Principal Rights of Way Officer Ben Smith, Strategic Manager Highways and Transport
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For Consideration By	Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel
Date to be Considered	12 th March 2013
Affected Wards	All

Report Summary

This report updates the Panel on progress made with Public Rights of Way issues during the period from August 2012 to February 2013. The Progress Report is attached as Appendix 1. Progress Reports are submitted to the Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel in March and September each year, and are also circulated to all members of the borough's Local Access Forum.

During the 6-months reporting period the number of outstanding reported problems on public rights of way fell from **228** to **192**.

If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?

Benefits to residents and reasons why they will benefit	Dates by which they can expect to notice a difference
Effective monitoring of the Council's performance in providing the Public Rights of Way service.	2013/14

Details of Recommendations: That the Panel note the report.

Financial Details: impact on the budget: none (information report only).

Legal implications: current legal cases are discussed in section 4 of the Progress Report.

Value For Money: effective monitoring of the Council's Public Rights of Way Service ensures that good value for money is achieved in meeting agreed objectives.

Sustainability Impact Appraisal: effective management of the public rights of way network has a positive impact on sustainable transport by encouraging alternative forms of transport to the car.

Risk Management: none (information report only).

Links to Strategic Objectives: effective management of the public rights of way network has a positive impact on healthy lifestyles by encouraging walking and cycling.

Equalities, Human Rights and Community Cohesion: the Progress Report refers to a number of initiatives aimed at improving access to the countryside for people with disabilities or restricted mobility, the elderly and people with young children or pushchairs.

Staffing/Workforce and Accommodation implications: none (information report)

Property and Assets: none (information report only).

Consultation: the Progress Report includes in the minutes of the December 2012 meeting Local Access Forum, a statutory consultative Forum established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

Timetable for Implementation: 2013/14

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Public Rights of Way: 6-monthly Progress Report August 2012 to February 2013

Background Information: none (information report only).

Consultation

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
Cllr John Stretton	Panel Chairman		Briefing 27 th Feb	
Cllr Maureen Hunt	Panel Vice-Chairman		Briefing 27 th Feb	
Ben Smith	Strategic Manager Highways & Transport	18 th Feb.		
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